

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 LISBON 02776 122320Z  
ACTION ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 XMB-02 CIAE-00 INR-10 IO-13  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-08 NRC-05 OES-07 SOE-02  
DODE-00 DOE-15 SS-15 SP-02 CEQ-01 PM-05 /118 W  
-----109631 131215Z /23  
R 121647Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY LISBON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5414

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LISBON 2776

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG PO  
SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ENERGY PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 77963, (B) LISBON 1154

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES GUIDANCE PROVIDED REF A.
2. GOP IS AWARE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE IMPLICATIONS OF VARIOUS POSSIBLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS. THE NEED TO CONSERVE AND GENERATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE THROUGH PROMOTION OF IMPORT-SUBSTITUTION AND EXPORT-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES IS VERY MUCH A GOP CONCERN--ONE WHICH WE REINFORCE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.
3. WE SHOULD CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC RECOVERY BEGINS, ENERGY NEEDS WILL GROW. DOMESTIC ENERGY RESOURCES CANNOT SATISFY MEDIUM TERM DEMAND GROWTH. PORTUGAL WILL FACE NEED OF EITHER INCREASING FOSSIL FUEL IMPORTS OR OR DEVELOPING OTHER ENERGY SOURCES, E.G., NUCLEAR. UNFORTUNATELY, UNCONVENTIONAL FORMS OF ENERGY (E.G., SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL POWER) OFFER ONLY PARTIAL RELIEF. GOP WILL CERTAINLY CONSIDER FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF THESE OPTIONS.
4. WITH REGARD TO PARA 3 OF REF A, WE CAN STATE UNEQUIVOCABLY THAT GOP ENERGY OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR BILATERAL

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 LISBON 02776 122320Z

COOPERATION AIMED AT DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS PORTUGUESE ENERGY RESOURCES. THIS INTEREST WAS CONVEYED TO US MOST RECENTLY ON MARCH 30 BY STATE SECRETARY FOR ENERGY AND MINES ROCHA CABRAL, WHO AS LEADER GRANTEE IN 1977 HAD CONTACTS WITH U.S. ENERGY OFFICIALS. EMBASSY WILL WISH TO PURSUE THIS SUBJECT WITH GOP. HOWEVER WE WOULD NOT WANT TO ENCOURAGE GOP IN THAT DIRECTION UNTIL WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN THT PORTUGAL CAN BE INCLUDED IN

PROGRAM MENTIONED REF A.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION THAT PORTUGAL COULD BE  
ACCOMMODATED UNDER PROGRAM MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF STATE 77963.  
BLOOMFIELD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 12 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978LISBON02776  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780159-0069  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** LISBON  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780466/aaaaceaf.tel  
**Line Count:** 67  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 2134d0b1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ACDA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 77963, 78 LISBON 1154  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2995919  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PORTUGUESE ENERGY PROGRAM  
**TAGS:** ENRG, PO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/2134d0b1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014